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Request for Reports [REDACTED] French Machine Tool Delegations
to the USSR

BACKGROUND

25X6A Sources in the U. S. machine tool industry report that recently a group of [REDACTED] businessmen visited a number of machine tool plants in the USSR. A group of French businessmen reportedly did the same. It is not like clear whether or not these were formal delegations or only informal groups of businessmen or manufacturers bent on concluding contracts with the Russians. We have no further details on the nature of these visits or the dates when they occurred.

REQUIREMENT

We would like to have any reports that may have been written by these groups concerning their impressions of the Soviet machine tool industry. Officials of the Office of the Secretary of Defense are particularly interested in seeing these reports, if they do exist. 25X6A 25X6A

The American embassies [REDACTED] are likely sources for obtaining this information. In view of OSD interest, it is requested that this requirement be expedited.

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